

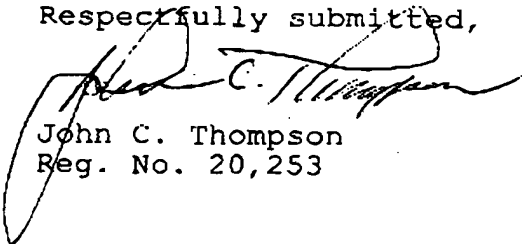
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record did not teach the subject matter of claim 19, as presently amended, and that this claim would be considered to be allowable in the absence of more relevant prior art.

In order to more clearly present applicant's invention, it was also agreed to amend the preamble of claim 19 so that this invention is set forth as a "continuous casting apparatus" rather than just the subcombination of a delivery system. The dependent claims have been amended to reflect this change.

In that all claims in this application are now deemed to be allowable for the reasons set forth above, the allowance of this application is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,



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Version with markings to show changes made